

**VISA EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG)  
MEETING MINUTES, 23 JULY 2003**

1. NOTICE: The Executive Working Group (EWG) was organized by the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) Sealift Committee in March 1995, and consists primarily of representatives from the Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the transportation industry. Industry representatives on the EWG are selected by Mr. James Henry, Chairman of the NDTA Sealift Committee (telephone (301) 423-3335). The purpose of the EWG is to study transportation issues of interest to government and industry and report the status of these issues to the NDTA membership. The EWG is a forum for the exchange of information. DOD officials participating in the EWG may not transfer any authority or responsibility for government decisions to industry or to the industry members of the EWG. By making the minutes of EWG meetings available electronically, DOD, DOT, and the NDTA promote other forums for the exchange of information. DOD invites interested parties to comment on issues considered at EWG meetings, to provide additional information, or to request further information. The DOD point of contact is Major Todd Robbins, who can be contacted by e-mail todd.robbins@hq.transcom.mil, telephone (618) 229-1451, fax (618) 256-6877, or by mail: USTRANSCOM, ATTN: TCJ5-AM (MAJ Robbins), 508 Scott Drive, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, 62225-5357. Interested parties also may contact the NDTA through Mr. James Henry [telephone (301) 423-3335], the DOT through Mr. James Caponiti [telephone (202) 366-5400], or any industry member of the EWG. Industry members of the EWG are (in alphabetical order):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Mr. James Bambrick	American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier	(201) 571-0480
Mr. Eric Mensing	APL	(202) 496-2480
Mr. Edward Fortunato	Crowley Maritime Corp.	(703) 684-1585
Mr. Michael Garvin	Matson Navigation Company	(415) 957-4200
Mr. Kenneth Gaulden	Maersk Line Limited	(703) 351-9200
Mr. Ans Kristbergs	Farrell Lines, Inc. / P&O Nedlloyd	(201) 896-8979
Mr. J. Robert Leyh	Central Gulf Lines and Waterman Steamship	(202) 659-3804
Mr. Augie Tellez	Seafarers International Union	(301) 899-0675
Mr. James Wachtel	Lykes Lines Limited	(813) 276-4698

2. The agenda is at Attachment 1.
3. The list of EWG attendees is at Attachment 2.
4. The updated list of tasks from the EWG is shown at Attachment 3.
5. MEETING SUMMARY.

a. Opening Remarks.

LtGen Gary Hughey (USTRANSCOM Deputy Commander) thanked the meeting participants for coming to Scott. He noted that this was Mr. Dan McMillin's last EWG and he would arrive later in the meeting. LtGen Hughey noted Mr. McMillin's contributions to USTRANSCOM as well as the VISA program. He also mentioned that Ms. Margaret LeClaire is the new J5-V.

LtGen Hughey thanked Mr. Augie Tellez (SIU) for hosting the meeting at Piney Point and stated that it was a very good event.

- (1) MAJ Todd Robbins (USTRANSCOM J5-AM) presented the agenda for the meeting.

b. Operations Update

- (1) Briefed by Mr. Greg Sweetland (MTMC). Mr. Sweetland noted that the assistance that the carriers have provided on intransit visibility has been very helpful.
- (2) Mr. Ken Gaulden (Maersk) stated that the effort was very manual in the beginning but is rapidly moving toward automation.

c. VCC/DCC Extension

- (1) Ms. Gail Jorgenson (TCCS-LQ) stated that the extensions are presently being staffed at USTRANSCOM. They should be in place on 30 September 2003. There will be no new rate audits for the extension. If you have specific questions about your contracts, please refer them to the appropriate contracting officer, either Mr. Jim Fischer at MSC (202) 685-5553, or Mr. Craig Robinson at MTMC (703) 428-2034.

d. Status of the Voluntary Tanker Agreement Revitalization

- (1) Mr. Jim Caponiti (MARAD) provided information on Voluntary Tanker Agreement. Tanker operators met with MARAD to draft an agreement to present to USTRANSCOM. The redlined version of the re-draft is due to USTRANSCOM on 22 August.
- (2) More detail is needed on the requirement for tankers and what types of tankers are required; crude versus clean. MARAD is establishing a "tanker requirements committee" that includes U.S. Flag carriers. The DoD will be invited to participate in the committee. Many issues must be addressed such as incentives, contribution to capacity, and if it is possible to increase demand.

e. Maritime Security Program (MSP)

- (1) Mr. Jim Caponiti updated the attendees on the current status of MSP reauthorization. The House of Representatives passed their bill on MSP, as did the Senate. They are now in "informal conference" where they are working on a combined bill for MSP. Mr. Caponiti pointed out similarities and differences of the two bills. Both bills support 60 ships, including 5 tankers. One of the bigger differences is the annual supplement, \$2.6 million in the House bill and \$3.1 in the Senate bill.
- (2) A new development with respect to MSP is funding for U.S. Flag vessel maintenance and repairs. The amount that was discussed for M&R was \$19.5 million. Details on this issue were still being worked out.

f. Industry Issues

- (1) Option Update on USC04, briefed by Mr. Craig Robinson (MTMC)
- (2) Flo/Flo or Semi submersible vessel requirements, briefed by CDR Bob Brodin (TCJ5-AM). CDR Brodin spoke on two recent studies on semi-submersible vessels. The U.S. Navy sponsored one study and the Joint Staff sponsored the other. Both studies involved research on the requirements for such types of ships.

- (3) Mr. Eric Mensing (APL) introduced explorations of additional carrier services to the DoD. Mr. Mensing proposed that U.S. Flag carriers have additional transportation services that they could offer to the DoD. The use of these services could potentially create additional effectiveness and efficiencies. Ms. Jorgenson stated that this was reviewed in the past and that there were potential issues of unfair competition.
- (4) LtGen Hughey asked that his staff further study the concept and address concerns. Industry offered to provide a white paper that would provide greater detail on their proposal.
- (5) Mr. Ed Fortunato (Crowley) requested clarification concerning the guidance from MTMC to ocean carriers that each carrier must purchase, by Oct 03, a digital certificate which will reside on Common Access Cards, to do business with MTMC. Cost estimate per card is \$119 -250 per card. Clarification is needed of the requirement, and whether each person in the company that contacts MTMC for OTOs and other business will need to purchase a separate digital certificate? Hard copy of MTMC emails concerning the digital certificate was provided to Capt Horres. Will this also apply to MSC, and if so, will a separate digital certificate be required for MSC or can one digital certificate apply for both MTMC and MSC? The point is that each carrier may have to buy a lot of cards if every individual that deals with MTMC and MSC needs one.

g. Issues

h. Review the Taskers. See Attachment 3.

i. Review/Amend EWG Schedule.

(1) Current schedule shows the following dates:

(2) EWG meeting on 21 Aug 03 (Tentative VTC)

21 Aug 03 (Tentative VTC)	<b>15 Apr 04</b>
<b>18 Sep 03</b>	20 May 04 (Tentative VTC)
16 Oct 03 (Tentative VTC)	<b>17 Jun 04</b>
<b>20 Nov 03</b>	15 Jul 04 (Tentative VTC)
11 Dec 03 (Tentative VTC)	<b>19 Aug 04</b>
15 Jan 04 (Tentative VTC)	16 Sep 04 (Tentative VTC)
<b>19 Feb 04</b>	<b>21 Oct 04</b>
18 Mar 04 (Tentative VTC)	18 Nov 04 (Tentative VTC)
	<b>9 Dec 04</b>

j. Friction Points/Issues.

(1) None

k. Rate the EWG Meeting. Ratings: 9.87 9.72 10.0 9.64

l. Closing Remarks.

- (1) LtGen. Hughey thanked Mr. Tellez again for hosting the EWG at Piney Point. He noted Mr. McMillin's departure and his contribution to the VISA program.
- (2) Mr. McMillan was presented the coveted VISA membership card and he then made a brief statement. He thanked everyone for their service and contribution to VISA and support to the DoD. He noted that it was time for change and that VISA will be better for the change.

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As of 13 August 2003

6. Point of contact for updates or corrections to these minutes is MAJ Todd Robbins at (618) 229-1451, fax (618) 256-6877, e-mail: todd.robbins@hq.transcom.mil

Attachments:

1. EWG Agenda
2. EWG Attendees
3. Tasker list from EWG

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**AGENDA**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>	<b><u>POC</u></b>
0900 – 0915	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	TCDC
0915 - 0945	<b>Operations Update</b>	MTMC
0945 – 0955	<b>VCC/DCC Extensions</b>	TCCS-AQ
0955 – 1010	<b>Status Of The Voluntary Tanker Agreement Revitalization</b>	MARAD
1010 – 1020	<b>Break</b>	All
1020 – 1120	<b>Maritime Security Program</b>	MARAD
1120 – 1145	<b>Industry Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Option Update on USC04</li><li>• Flo/Flo or Semi submersible vessel requirements</li><li>• “Value Added Services” Carriers Can Perform for the Department of Defense</li></ul>	MTMC TCJ5-AM Carrier Reps
1145 – 1155	<b>Wrap-up</b>	Mr. McMillin
1155	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	TCDC
1200	<b>EWG Meeting Adjourns</b>	

**ATTENDEES FOR 23 JULY 2003 EWG MEETING**

LtGen Gary Hughey	USTRANSCOM/TCDC
Mr. James Caponiti (Jim)	MARAD
LCDR Kurt Birkhahn	MARAD
Mr. Richard Haynes (Rick)	MSC
CAPT. Edward Horres (Ed)	MTMC
Mr. Greg Sweetland	MTMC
Mr. Craig Robinson	MTMC
Mr. Michael Andert (Mike)	DCAA
Mr. Kenneth Gaulden (Ken)	Maersk Line Ltd.
Mr. Eric Mensing	APL, Ltd.
Mr. James Wells (Jim)	American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier, LLC
Mr. James Bambrick (Jim)	American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier, LLC
Mr. Michael Garvin (Mike)	Matson Navigation Company
Mr. Edward Fortunato (Ed)	Crowley
Mr. J. Robert Leyh (Bob)	Central Gulf Lines & Waterman Steamship
Mr. Augustin Tellez (Augie)	SIU
Mr. Daniel McMillin (Dan)	USTRANSCOM J5-V
Col. Fraiser Jones	USTRANSCOM JA
Ms. Gail Jorgenson	USTRANSCOM TCCS-AQ
Mr. Michael Patterson	USTRANSCOM TCCS-AQ
CDR Timothy Lawrence (Tim)	USTRANSCOM J5-AM
CDR Robert Brodin (Bob)	USTRANSCOM J5-AM
MAJ Todd Robbins	USTRANSCOM J5-AM
LCDR Lee Thompson	USTRANSCOM J5-AM
Mr. Kenneth Mills (Ken)	USTRANSCOM J5-AM
Mr. John Boysha	Stanley Associates
Ms. Jeannine Kenyon	Stanley Associates

**TASKERS FROM 23 JULY 2003 EWG**

**TASK**

**ECD**

1. Define DoD requirements for Crude Tankers  
Lead: TCJ5
2. Establish a Tanker Requirements Committee  
Lead: MARAD/MSC/TCJ5
3. Provide redlined version of re-draft of the Voluntary Tanker Agreement to DoD on August 22, 2003  
Lead: MARAD
4. Review and comment on the Maintenance and Repair language within the House proposed MSP bill  
Lead: MARAD
5. DoD concerns and issues associated with the expansion of VISA members' services  
Lead: J5/TCCS-AQ/MTMC
6. White Paper from industry on the possible expansion of services  
Lead: Industry
7. Establish a Working Group on Tracking Systems  
Lead: MTMC
8. Digital Security Certificate Issues  
Lead: MTMC
9. Concerns / issues with Powertrack  
Lead: APL and Maersk Line, Limited and preparing a white paper